

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4865–S5012

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1190–1203, and S. Res. 167–170. **Pages S4917–18**

Measures Reported:

S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4917**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating University of Wisconsin Men's Indoor Track and Field Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, congratulating the University of Wisconsin men's indoor track and field team on becoming the 2006–2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Indoor Track and Field Champions. **Page S5007**

Congratulating University of Wisconsin Women's Ice Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 168, congratulating the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship. **Page S5008**

Susan G. Komen for the Cure 25th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 169, recognizing Susan G. Komen for the Cure on its leadership in the breast cancer movement on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. **Pages S5008–09**

America COMPETES Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 761, to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 137), DeMint Amendment No. 929, to require the study on barriers to innovation to include an examination of the impact of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on innovation. **Pages S4875, S4880**

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 908, to make certain improvements to the bill.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 940, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Pages S4881–83, S4895**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 138), Bingaman (for Dodd/Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 947, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to small business growth and capital markets.

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Rejected:

DeMint Amendment No. 928, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, with respect to smaller public company options regarding internal controls. (By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S4873–75, S4891–93, S4897–99

Coburn Amendment No. 917, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress has a moral obligation to offset the cost of new Government programs and initiatives. (By 54 yeas and 43 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S4883–91, S4899–S4900

Withdrawn:

Cornyn Amendment No. 902, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States. **Pages S4893–94**

Pending:

Bingaman (for Sununu) Amendment No. 938, to strike the provisions regarding strengthening the education and human resources directorate of the National Science Foundation. **Pages S4901–06**

Bingaman (for Sanders) Amendment No. 936, to increase the competitiveness of American workers through the expansion of employee ownership.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 25, 2007; that there be 30 minutes of debate with respect to Sununu Amendment No. 938 (listed above); with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Sununu and Kennedy or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on or in relation to Sununu Amendment No.

938, with no amendment in order to the amendment prior to the vote.

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Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the first session of the 110th Congress: Senator Leahy.

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Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 110th Congress: Senators Grassley and Voinovich.

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Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of Terry Birdwhistell, of Kentucky, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 136), Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

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Messages From the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—140)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5009.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities facing American agriculture producers, focusing on specialty crops, dairy, sugar, organic production and marketing, and honey, after receiving testimony from Tom Buis, National Farmers Union, David Beckmann, Bread for the World, and Larry Mitchell, American Corn Growers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, Texas; Bill Flory, American Farmland Trust, Winchester, Idaho; John Hoffman, American Soybean Association, Waterloo, Iowa; John Pucheu, National Cotton Council, Tranquility, California; Ken McCauley, National Corn Growers Association, White Cloud, Kansas; Everett Tallman, National Association of Wheat Growers, Brandon, Colorado; Paul T. Combs, USA Rice Federation, Kennett, Missouri, on behalf of the U.S. Rice Producers Association; Evan Hayes, National Barley Growers Association, American Falls, Idaho; Dale Murden, National Sorghum Producers, Monte Alto, Texas; Armond Morris, Georgia Peanut Commission, Ocilla, on behalf of the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation; Lynn Rundle, 21st Century Grain Processing Cooperative, Manhattan, Kansas, on behalf of the North American Millers' Association; John Swanson, National Sunflower Association, Mentor, Minnesota, on behalf of the U.S. Canola Association; and Jim Evans, USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council, Genesee, Idaho.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Forces Korea, and United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Timothy J. Keating, USN, Commander, United States Pacific Command, Vice Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command, and General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, Commander, United States Nations Command and Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command, Commander, United States Forces Korea, all of the Department of Defense.

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing